

*SUPPLEMENTAL DETAILED ACTION*

1. Receipt is acknowledged of amendments/arguments filed on 11/25/2008.
2. Claims 29-32 and 57-66 are presented for examination.
3. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/25/2008 has been entered.
4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
5. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Yoav Alkalay on February 26, 2009 (see the interview summary, paper no. 20090219).

The application has been amended as follows:

6. IN THE CLAIMS
7. Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A method comprising: receiving RF signals from RFID tags on physical items in a vicinity around a changeable current location of a user, said signals containing information only about said physical items; dynamically updating an index as the user changes location to contain said information about the physical items in a current vicinity around

a generator of said changeable current location of a user of said index; said generator is at least one of a mobile device; and searching said index to answer natural language queries from a user about said physical items in said current vicinity of said user.

8. Claim 57 (Currently Amended): A method comprising: receiving RF signals from RFID tags on physical items in a vicinity, said signals containing information only about said physical items; dynamically updating an index to contain said information only about the physical items in a said vicinity around a generator of said index; said generator is at least one of a mobile device; and searching said index to answer natural language queries from a user about said physical items.

9. Claim 63 (Previously Presented): A method comprising: wirelessly gathering information from RFID tags on physical items in a vicinity around a changeable current location of a user; dynamically updating an index to contain only said information from a ~~current~~ generator in said vicinity as said user moves; said generator is at least one of a mobile device; and searching said index to answer natural language queries from said user about said physical items.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

10. Claims 29-32 and 57-66 are allowed.

11. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: as argued by the applicant, the prior art of record does not specifically teach means of updating an index to contain information only about the physical items in a vicinity around a changeable current location of a user of said index and then searching said index to answer natural language queries from a user about said physical items, wherein the basic information comes from the physical

item, and wherein the index is dynamically changing as the user changes position within the vicinity. These limitations in conjunction with other limitations in the claimed invention were not shown by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### *Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDWYN LABAZE whose telephone number is (571)272-2395. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve Paik can be reached on (571) 272-2404. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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